



PART-TIME PASTOR FULL-TIME CHURCH

SUPPORTING MULTI-VOCATIONAL PASTORS

Greetings from the Part-time Pastor; Full-time Church program of the Office of Ministry of the Church of the Brethren!

It is our pleasure to share information about this valuable program with your district conference.

The aim of the program is to resource and support Multi-Vocational Pastors (MVPs), those working less than full-time or who are less than fully compensated, with companionship and wisdom sharing all along their journey.

Taking our cue from Jesus' walk with two disciples on the road to Emmaus, we offer through the program deep compassionate listening and a desire to help pastors reflect on the events of their lives as together they seek Spirit-inspired wisdom. Circuit riders and leaders of the program aim to imitate Jesus in listening well and offering support and resources that can strengthen MVPs and help them thrive in their ministry and partnership with congregations.

Here are a few of the ways the program seeks to help pastors thrive -

1. ***Companionship*** – We invite your district's MVPs to become matched with one of the program's wise, seasoned circuit riders who will offer a listening ear, program resources, and spiritual support in collaboration with your district leadership
2. ***Wisdom sharing*** – pastors may join a short-term virtual book study led by circuit rider, John Fillmore, and learn from companions on the journey from the wider church. Or ask one of the program's leaders to lead a virtual study for your district's pastors
3. ***A Breather*** - Take a break from your day and check out "A Resting Place" with Erin Matteson, circuit rider and spiritual director, and others in brief, centering, prayerful videos posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages (see links on reverse side of flyer)
4. ***Guidance*** - Request an experienced circuit rider or program consultant to help your pastors lead their congregation's conversations regarding mission and outreach
5. ***Dreaming*** - dream and plan about what resources your district's pastors need and support them in requesting a grant from the program for a retreat or continuing education event for all pastors. Invite program staff and consultants to provide leadership for the event.
6. ***Sabbath rest*** – modest financial grants are available for MVPs who need to find respite from ministerial responsibilities for a day, a weekend, or longer.

Find out more – see reverse side for program staff's contact info and social media sites

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